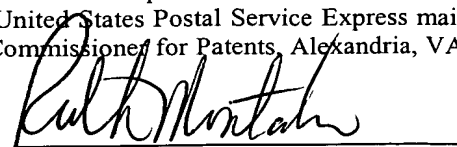


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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2005, please reconsider the following application in light of the following comments. A petition for a one month extension of time, along with the appropriate fee, is being filed concurrently with this response.